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TUESDAY FUNK

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HAPPY HOUR OF THE DAY

Get select beers for half price from 9-10 p.m. during Power Hour at Pork Shoppe (5721 N. Clark St. 773-654-1800).

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Campus security officers keep watch at the University of Chicago on Monday. The school canceled all classes and other activities planned for Monday on its Hyde Park campus after being informed by FBI counterterrorism officials of a gun violence threat to the campus. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

THREAT AT U. OF C.

UIC STUDENT CHARGED IN SHOOTING THREAT; CLASSES TO RESUME TUESDAY

By Jodi S. Cohen, Lolly Bowean
and Jason Meisner | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Federal officials charged a University of Illinois at Chicago engineering student with making the threat that shut down the University of Chicago on Monday, saying his online post threatening to kill U. of C. students and staff was in retaliation for the shooting last year of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer.

Jabari R. Dean, 21, was charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce.

Dean, who appeared in federal court Monday afternoon, will be held in custody until Tuesday, when he will be released to the custody of his mother.

The FBI does not consider Dean a threat and he did not have the resources to carry out the threat, federal prosecutors said in court.

If convicted, Dean faces a maximum of five years in prison.

In court documents, federal agents said Dean posted the threat over the Thanksgiving weekend. It was spotted by a New York resi-

dent who provided agents with a screen shot of the threat after they could not find it; Dean apparently took it down almost immediately.

After tracking down Dean through the service provider, agents confronted him and, they said, he acknowledged posting the threat from his phone. The threat was on **worldstarhiphop.com**, according to authorities.

The poster threatened to shoot and kill students, staff and police on the campus at 10 a.m. Monday and then kill himself, citing the fatal shooting of McDonald.

"This is my only warning. At 10 a.m. on Monday morning, I'm going to the campus quad of the University of Chicago. I will be armed with an M-4 carbine and two desert eagles, all fully loaded. I will execute approximately 16 white male students and or staff, which is the same number of time McDonald was killed," wrote the commenter, who posted with the initials "JRD" and a Chicago Bulls logo, according to court records. "I will then die killing any number of white policeman in the process. This is not a joke. I am to do my part and rid the world



Police officers stand watch on the Hyde Park campus of the University of Chicago. GETTY IMAGES

of white devils. I expect you do the same." An FBI agent contacted the U. of C. Police Department, and President Robert Zimmer alerted the campus community Sunday night that all classes and other activities planned for Monday would be canceled.

Zimmer asked staff and faculty members who did not have emergency duties or patient care responsibilities to stay away from campus, and students who live on campus were asked "to remain indoors as much as possible."

The U. of C. said Monday on their website that classes and events will resume normally Tuesday.

On Monday morning, though, instead of students hustling across the quad with their backpacks, university and Chicago police patrolled the campus, some in SWAT gear and others parked at the corners of major intersections.

Normally, Lingwei Cheng would see her fellow students zipping across the quad on their bicycles and chatting with one another, but on Monday the 22-year-old graduate student was alone as she walked across the 5600 block of South Kimbark Avenue. Canceling class wouldn't interrupt her schedule, Cheng said before news of the arrest broke, because she doesn't normally have classes on Mondays. But she was unable to access the school's library, computer labs and student center.

"It's kind of crazy that just because someone posted online a threat that it would lock down the campus," said Cheng, who is from China. "This is like finals season so maybe people appreciate having today off."

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TRANSIT DIARIES

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All the talk about the return of the much-loved No. 11-Lincoln Avenue and 31st Street buses, along with the work on the Wilson and Washington/Wabash "L" stations, got me thinking about the differences between bus and rail commuters.

According to a Twitter poll RedEye conducted, which drew 481 votes, 81 percent said they take the "L" most often and only 19 percent said they take the bus.

According to the CTA's annual boarding totals, bus ridership is king. In 2013, roughly 300 million riders took the bus. In 2014, that number decreased to roughly 276 million, a nearly 8 percent decrease in bus ridership.

But rail ridership is on the rise. In 2013, roughly 229 million riders took rail, and in 2014, that number increased to 238 million, a nearly 4 percent increase in rail ridership.

Which form of transit do you take most often, and what does it really say about you? From my observations, I've put together completely (in)accurate personality profiles for the average bus and train riders.

Bus riders

The bus rider is the kind of person who doesn't mind the smell of another person's BO. You sit there unfazed as someone—ripe armpits and all—reaches across you to pull the stop cord. Forget needing fresh air. You thrive in the sweltering warmth of an overly heated bus.

You're patient, which you need to be during constant standstill traffic and bus bunching on your morning and evening commutes. You have no problem airing out your business over the phone, and it may take you the entire ride to realize the person sitting next to you now knows very personal details about your life.

You're the yoga master with a wide stride, an essential physical quality needed for your

back-door exits from the bus. That curb is not coming to meet you halfway, after all.

You're a creature who doesn't mind the absence of a heat lamp in winter months. Forget the gym. You get your cardio workout every morning running to catch the damn bus as you see it pulling away from your stop.

Depending on your proximity to other forms of public transit, and if you're free of a disability, you may take the bus just because it involves less walking, so in that case ... well, you're just plain lazy.

Rail ('L') riders

The rail rider is the kind of person who can step in a mess of puke, keep a straight face and not bother to warn the next passenger that they're also about to step in a heaping pile of upchuck. You tend to want to keep to yourself no matter what's going on around you.

Sometimes you panic and feel the need to shove through anyone and everyone the second the train stops in fear that you won't make it off in time, but you always do. You're the stair master and pride yourself on being able to run up three or four flights of stairs in less than a minute to catch your approaching train.

While you fly solo once you board, you flock together like geese with other riders when it comes to huddling under a heat lamp. But you're not afraid to let people know that you like your personal space and will jump at the chance to fill the seat next to you with a purse, book bag or any random object.

You avoid eye contact at all costs and get embarrassed when someone catches you looking at yourself in the window (no shame, we've all done it). Everything you do has a purpose, so you tend to err on the side of uptight.

Whether you're the patient, easy-going bus rider or the uptight, antsy rail rider—or maybe you're a mixture of the two—we're all Chicago commuters ... just trying to make it to our destination on time.

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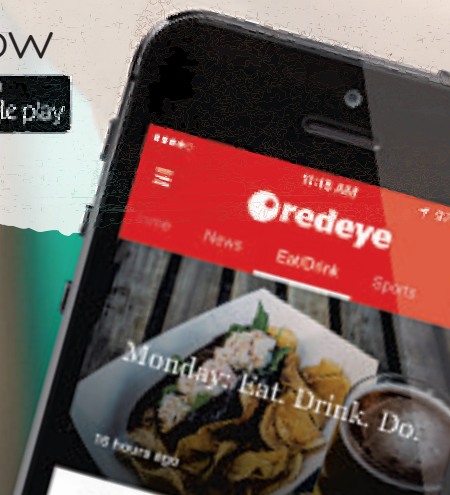
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WINTER IS COMING

Hey, RedEye readers,

There's no denying it: Winter in Chicago freaking sucks. But now that we've had our first official snowfall, I suppose it's time we start talking about it. After all, acceptance is the first step, or so I'm told.

It's hard to keep your spirits up when the CTA heaters aren't working and your snot freezes after 60 seconds outside. We've been there too, which is why we're launching Winter Sucks, a new initiative to help you survive the next few months and maybe even have some fun while you're at it. Essentially, it's our guide to keeping the heat on in Chicago all winter long. Cocktails, life hacks, weekend trips, binge-worthy TV and more: We've got everything you need to thaw out during the four-month frost.

Head to redye.chicago.com/wintersucks or pick up the paper through St. Patrick's Day (because snow is a serious possibility in March) for tips on staying cozy at home, exploring the city, hitting the road and getting stuff done. Here's what you can expect from Winter Sucks throughout the week:

MONDAY: GET OUT AND ABOUT

Sometimes the 1,000-square-foot box you call home is really just an icy prison. Break free and get out and about with restaurant reviews, concert updates, weekend activities (did someone say ice skating?) and free events around Chicago.

TUESDAY: GET YOUR COZY ON

From Netflix recommendations to delivery options in your neighborhood, we've got you covered with ways to stay cozy in the comfort of your home. Guzzle homemade cocktails, read that book you've never had time to open or learn to stock a bar cart with local favorites.

WEDNESDAY: GET STUFF DONE

Instead of freezing your fingers off, put them to use. We're helping you conquer your to-do list with tips on unclogging your shower drain, removing wine stains and improving that messy-as-hell handwriting.

THURSDAY: GET OUT OF TOWN

When the city turns into a gray slushy mess, sometimes you have to pack up and leave to keep your sanity. We've got you covered with sun-spotting adventures, cozy Midwestern cabins and travel tips that will ease stress.

FRIDAY: WILDCARD

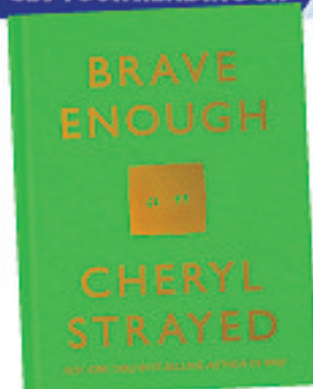
We'll pick one of the topics above to send you off to a weekend wonderland.

We're all in this together, right? Don't be shy! Drop me a note at mcolsen@redye.chicago.com or find me on Twitter at [@morgancolsen](https://twitter.com/morgancolsen) if there's something special you'd like to see in our Winter Sucks coverage. Cheers to surviving the frozen tundra we call home!

—Morgan Olsen
Eat & Drink and Lifestyles editor

GET YOUR READING ON

By Elise De Los Santos | REDEYE

**FOR THE QUOTE COLLECTOR**
"Brave Enough" ▲

by Cheryl Strayed, \$16.95

The author of "Wild" pulled together more than 100 quotes from her writings, which also include the essay collection "Tiny Beautiful Things" and novel "Torch." The excerpts are motivational and brutally honest, and can help give you that extra little push when you need it, from tackling a daunting work project to forcing yourself outdoors to do much-needed grocery shopping when the temperatures hit single digits.

FOR THE BUDDING BARTENDER**"Tequila Mockingbird" and "Gone with the Gin" ▲**

by Tim Federle, \$15 each

As the weather outside gets frightful, keep warm inside by experimenting with these cocktail recipe books featuring irreverent twists on literary works and Hollywood films. "Tequila Mockingbird" contains 65 recipes including The Pitcher of Dorian Grey Goose and Love in the Time of Kahlua, while "Gone with the Gin" has 50 drinks such as No Country for Old Fashioneds and A Clockwork Orange Julius.

FOR THE BUSY BEE**"The Grownup" ▲**

by Gillian Flynn, \$9.99

There's no better excuse to curl up under the covers than a spooky short story. This 60-page novella is a quick read but lacks no number of twists and turns from the author of "Gone Girl." The short story originally appeared in "Rogues," an anthology edited by George R.R. Martin, and it won the Best Short Story category of this year's Edgar Awards, presented by the Mystery Writers of America and named for Edgar Allan Poe.

**FOR THE SPORTS SAVANT**
"One Goal III: The Inside Story of the 2015 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks" ▲

\$59.99

As the roads and sidewalks begin to resemble the ice rink inside the United Center, warm up your inner sports fan by reminiscing about the Hawks' latest Stanley Cup run this past summer. The book promises to tell "the inside story" of the championship team through behind-the-scenes photos and essays, and includes other collectibles such as a social media collage poster and replica Stanley Cup Final ticket.

FOR THE 'GAME OF THRONES' GROUPIE**"A Song of Ice and Fire" boxed set ▲**

by George R.R. Martin, \$75

It's a long five months until Season 6 of the hit HBO series airs, and winter isn't just coming—it's already here. While waiting for spring, go back to the source material with this gorgeous leather-cloth set of the five novels published so far in the book series.

**FOR THE CONSUMMATE COLLECTOR****Puffin in Bloom series ▲**

by various authors, \$16-\$30

The latest in this series illustrated by Anna Bond of Rifle Paper Co. is a 150th anniversary edition of "Alice in Wonderland" (\$30) that will look gorgeous in your hand, on the shelf or gift-wrapped under the tree for your favorite bookworm. The previous four books in the series include "Anne of Green Gables," "A Little Princess," "Little Women" and "Heidi," and are currently being sold individually (\$16 each) or as a set, for additional trips down memory lane. All are available at riflepaperco.com.

FOR THE PASSIONATE POLITICO**"Notorious RBG" ▲**

by Irit Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, \$19.99

Though inspired by a Tumblr page of the same name, this book is more than just a collection of its best blog posts. "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" delves into the Supreme Court justice's career, keeping the blog's irreverent tone while also paying homage to her groundbreaking work and offering intimate glimpses into her personal and professional life.

FOR THE TV DEVOTEE**"Mad Men Carousel" ▲**

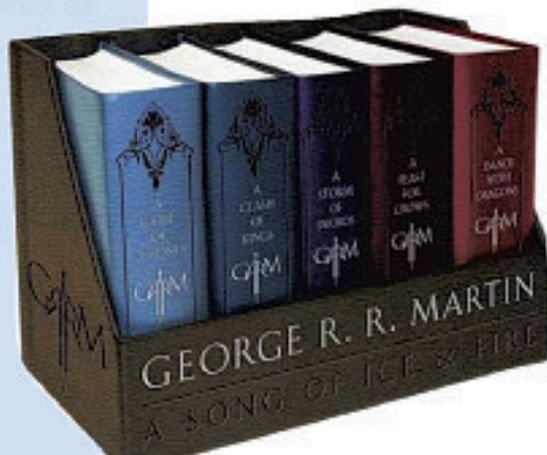
by Matt Zoller Seitz, \$27.50

"The Complete Critical Companion" to the AMC series features TV critic Seitz's recaps of each episode in a single volume. It's a consummate retrospective on the show that turned millions of viewers into couch critics who drew parallels between Don Draper's drink choices and the deterioration of the American Dream. Plus, the book might be the next best thing to cozy up to while binge-watching the show if your Netflix and chill partner gets caught in a snowstorm.

FOR THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION MAKER**"Year of Yes" ▲**

by Shonda Rhimes, \$24.99

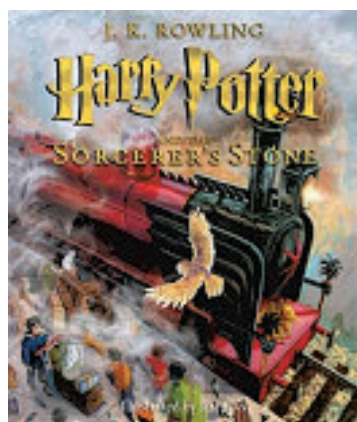
The "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal"



WINTER SUCKS
GET YOUR
COZY ON

Whether you're stuck indoors because of the weather or stuck traveling during the holidays, these books can make great companions. (Hint, hint: These titles would also make good gifts for your favorite bookworm.)

creator details how she, a natural introvert, used to turn down appearances and invitations, and suffered panic attacks before interviews. But when her sister said, "You never say yes to anything," Rhimes turned the statement into a challenge and said yes to everything for a year. The memoir can help motivate even the most determined homebody to get out and try something new in the New Year.



FOR THE 'HARRY POTTER' HOARDER

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: The Illustrated Edition"
by J.K. Rowling, \$39.99

Seventeen years after "The Sorcerer's Stone" was first published in the U.S., the first book of the "Harry Potter" series returns in this version illustrated by Jim Kay. Every page of Rowling's original text is accompanied by Kay's full-color illustrations, all printed on glossy paper. This collector's item is a perfect excuse to revisit the book, and there are plans to republish the rest of the series in the same format.

FOR THE LITERATURE LOVER
"Pop Sonnets"

by Erik Didriksen, \$13.95

If you thought you were finished with Shakespeare after passing English Lit, think again. Inspired by a Tumblr page, "Pop Sonnets" does exactly what its subtitle says and puts "Shakespearean spins on your favorite songs." From Britney Spears to "Bohemian Rhapsody" and everything in between, Didriksen has hilariously retro-translated pop song lyrics into the 14-line, rhyming format that made your life hell in high school.

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GET YOUR COLORING ON

By Annie Cercone | REDEYE

FOR THE TATTOO ENTHUSIAST
"Inspired Coloring Tattoos"

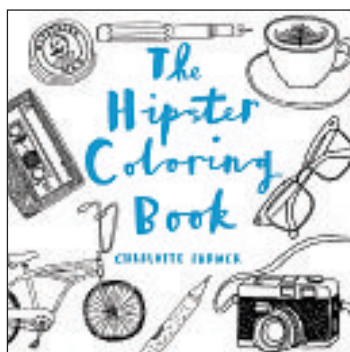
\$12.99

A book full of classic and not-so-classic tattoos so you can experiment with color before you permanently mark your body. This book also features bigger spaces and less-intricate designs for those with less time and patience.

FOR THE BEACH BUM
"Wonders of the Sea"

by Claire Laude & Aurelie Castex, \$15.99

Brought to you by the creators of some of my favorite coloring books in the "Color Your Way to Calm" series, which includes "Secret Paris" and "Splendid Cities." Perfect for ocean and beach lovers, this book almost feels like "Under the Sea" from "The Little Mermaid" if it were extended and made into a coloring book, sans Ariel of course.



FOR THE HIPSTER
"The Hipster Coloring Book"

by Charlotte Farmer, \$12.95

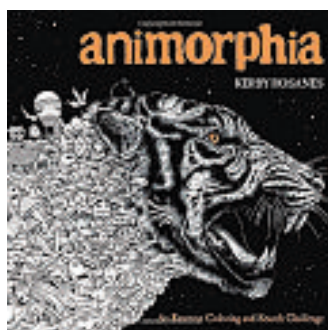
Mock them if you want, but hipster stuff is awesome to color. So much more than mandalas or nature patterns, this book is filled with pages of hipster shoes, hipster drinks, hipster parties, hipster cars, etc. Its smaller size makes it perfect for coloring on the go.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
"The Ultimate Coloring for Grown-Ups"

by Ryan Hunter & Taige Jensen, \$15.99

Reminiscent of activity books we used to have as kids but with very non-kid-friendly subject matters. Prompts such as "Draw the son your father hoped you'd be" or "Can you

find and color all 60 red Solo cups at this keg party?" are interactive, inappropriate and amazing.



FOR THE EXTREME IMAGINATION
"Anamorphia"

by Kerby Rosanes, \$12.99

Again, a nature-inspired coloring book—but this one features insanely intricate designs and strange little creatures. If you're looking to give color to what looks like someone's acid trip, this book is for you!

FOR THE DETECTIVE
"Sherlock: The Mind Palace: A Coloring Book Adventure"

by Mike Collins, \$14.99

If you're tired of all the nature-focused coloring, take a swing at this "Sherlock"-inspired book filled with scenes from the TV show.

FOR THE NATURE LOVER
"Hidden Nature"

by Toc De Groc, \$15.95

A more whimsical version of a nature-inspired coloring book, this one features a lot of kitties, birdies and butterflies. Almost like a grown-up version of the Lisa Frank we all used to know and love.

FOR THE MANTRA MASTER
"You Got This: A Mantra Coloring Book"

by Free Period Press, \$9.99

The product of a Kickstarter campaign, this coloring book is independently printed. It features beautiful typography with inspirational and motivational quotes and phrases to keep you positive throughout winter. Also check out their "Hand Lettered Alphabet Coloring Book," with each page featuring a different letter. ACERCONE@REDEYECHICAGO.COM @ACE_CERCONE

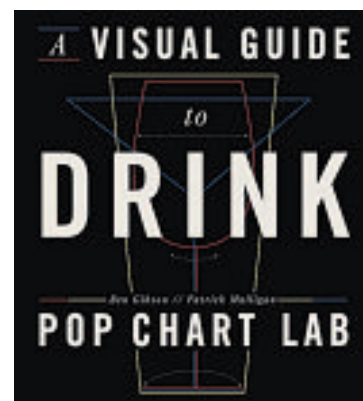
GET YOUR COOKING ON

By Aly Morris | REDEYE

FOR THE ENTERTAINER
"Festive Feasts"

by Jeni Potter Scott, \$19.99

This wonderful collection of easy Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas recipes spans from magical disappearing punch to cranberry glazed turkey, and from red velvet peppermint cake to French toast roll-ups. But it's the recipes section on Thanksgiving leftovers that really gets the bird.



FOR THE VISUAL AFICIONADO
"A Visual Guide to Drink"

by Ben Gibson & Patrick Mulligan, \$30

The first book from Pop Chart Lab showcases once again the company's ability to blend data and design. With charts, maps, recipes and graphs that span the beer brewing process, the family tree of wine and celebrity spirits, readers can delight in the visual experience of this definitive guide.

FOR THE GIN LOVER
"Gin"

by Aaron Knoll, \$35

From the Renaissance apothecaries to the rise of small distilleries and cocktails bars, Knoll's book encompasses the vast, ever-progressing world of gin. A section on tasting notes showcases 300 of the world's best gins while recipes for 50 cocktails highlight gin's classical to modern range.

FOR THE BEER GEEK
"The Beer & Food Companion"

by Stephen Beaumont, \$35

This reference-style guide walks the reader through the history of beer and food matching, covers cooking

techniques and features profiles and recipes from beer and food personalities. Plus the beer matching charts in the back of the book have more than 100 food type pairing recommendations.

FOR THE BREAKFAST QUEEN
"Ina's Kitchen"

by Ina Pinkney, \$19.95

Part recipe book, part memoir, the "Breakfast Queen's" debut cookbook serves up 39 of Ina's favorite dishes (such as her signature Blobs, heavenly hots and best biscuits ever), and it's complete with a side of her life stories.

FOR THE CHICAGOAN
"The Eli's Cheesecake Cookbook"

by Maureen Schulman, \$25

Way more than just an overview of the dessert, this book not only celebrates the 35th anniversary of Eli's Cheesecake, it also gives you a Chicago-style history lesson. The book's collection of recipes showcases savory courses from Eli's The Place for Steak, plus more than 20 variations on Eli's iconic cheesecake.



FOR THE TOP CHEF
"Dinner at Home"

by JeanMarie Brownson, \$29.95

As a go-to kitchen companion, this well-rounded cookbook showcases the best recipes and stories from Brownson's Chicago Tribune column of the same name. Plus the amazing images from Tribune photographers elevate this book to a timeless keepsake.

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STATS THAT STAGGER

KANE'S POINTS STREAK IS AT 19, AND HE MIGHT NOT BE DONE YET

By Chris Hine | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After scoring the first goal Saturday in the Blackhawks' 3-2 overtime loss to Los Angeles, Patrick Kane was fired up, as he normally is when he scores a goal. But there seemed to be extra oomph in the fist pump the winger unleashed this time.

That's because Kane knew he had just set the NHL record for the longest point streak by

an American-born player at 19 games, breaking the mark held by Phil Kessel and Hawks TV analyst Eddie Olczyk.

"It's cool," Kane said after the game. "You think about all the great American players that have played the game, the two players that had the 18-games point streak and what they've done in their careers. So it's pretty cool right now, but kind of overshadowed by the loss."

Kane said setting the mark was especially meaningful considering Kessel and Olczyk had set the 18-game mark.

"I've become pretty close with Eddie over the years here, to the point where I ask him for advice on a lot of different things and he's willing to share a lot too," Kane said. "And then I've known Phil pretty well since I was 16 years old. So two great players, two great careers."

BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at Kane's streak and what milestones are ahead before he tries to make it 20 games against Minnesota on Tuesday. All statistics are over the course of the streak.

44 Days the streak has lasted, including Monday.

22 If Kane can extend his streak three more games, he will set the Blackhawks' franchise record, breaking Bobby Hull's 21-game mark set in 1971-72. Kane is tied for second on the Hawks' all-time list with Denis Savard, who set his career mark 30 years ago.

10 Games Kane needs to extend his streak to move into sixth place alone on the NHL all-time point streak list, according to Sportsnet.

32 Games Kane needs to extend his streak to reach Wayne Gretzky's all-time NHL mark, which Gretzky set in the 1983-84 season. Gretzky had an incredible 61 goals and 92 assists during his streak.

66 Kane's shots on goal.

11 Goals Kane has scored.

6 Power-play goals. The other five have come at even strength.

3 Game-winning goals.

20 Assists Kane has recorded: 11 primary, nine secondary.

410:59 Kane's total ice time, an average of 21:38 per game.

490 Shifts Kane has played.

9 Multi-point games.

58 seconds, the shortest amount of time it took for Kane to record a point when he assisted on Artemi Panarin's goal in a 4-2 victory over the Oilers on Nov. 8.

60:51 The longest amount of time it took for Kane to record a point when he assisted on Jonathan Toews' overtime goal in a 1-0 victory over the Ducks on Oct. 26.

STUNNED

The Bulls and Hawks thought they'd have the city to themselves by now. The Bears had other plans.



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1	It's been five days since the Bears upset the Packers. How stunned are you?	So stunned they have my hopes up.	Not very. The view from the Foxhole is always pointed up.	So stunned that I still haven't passed what I ate on Thursday. Maybe I should see a doctor.	Oh, the Bears played on Thursday? Welp.	Not at all. Never doubted this team. Super Bowl 50 champs, baby.
2	Now that the Bulls and Hawks are back from their long road trips we don't have to stay up late to watch West Coast games. Let's leave that for the playoffs.	... time to bundle up and avoid those sniffles-related scratches.	... they share the sinking feeling of not having done any of their midterm reports, and they're due tomorrow!	... bye bye, circus :(... time to do laundry!
3	How close are the Bulls to becoming the Spurs?	One team has five championships since 1999, the other has none, so ... about as close as Pluto is to the sun?	Consistent excellence first requires being consistent.	About as close as I came to getting Dave Chappelle tickets an hour after they were released. Damn hangover.	You mean a better team? It's hard to say.	They haven't won anything in a while, so pretty close to Tottenham at least.
4	Give us the plot of the next Rocky movie.	An aging Rocky fights one last fight ... oh, wait, they've done that. An aging Rocky trains an up-and-coming boxer ... damn it!	Spoiler alerts last 30 days, but "Creed 2" is as sure as a pair of Jordans.	Creed's son tries to knock out Philly's biggest, most immovable menace: Chip Kelly's ego.	Rocky Balboa and Creed become business partners as meth kingpins.	He is sent to assassinate Kylo Ren for killing Han Solo.
5	At what point does Cubs withdrawal settle in?	Right about ... now.	Sometime between "The Price is Right" and "Shark Tank."	Never, if you adhere to the yearlong sports calendar, or if you set a Google update for "David Price rumors."	As soon as this Thanksgiving food hangover passes. So February, maybe.	106 years and 11 months ago.

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Is it too early to talk about the Wildcats making the NCAA tournament? Sure. But who cares? Northwestern is off to a 5-1 start and can improve its resume with a road victory in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Yup, that's still a thing.



GETTYFILE

WHO'S KING OF RETIREMENT?

RedEye

Let the Kobe Bryant bash begin.

With his poetic retirement announcement Sunday, the Lakers star ignited a love fest as he plays in the final season of his career.

"Unbelievable guy. Just a great guy. A superstar," Bulls forward Taj Gibson told the Tribune. "Every time you would hear about Kobe from barber-shops to street basketball corners, the city of L.A. loved Kobe."

Of course, in Chicago the Lakers guard will be remembered for almost coming to the Bulls to fill Michael Jordan's shoes.

Bryant told "Grantland Basketball Hour" earlier this year that Chicago was his No. 1 choice if he were going to be traded from Los Angeles in 2007. Bulls fans will never know what might have been had he ended up here. What we can do is compare the two legends. Jordan has Bryant beat in career averages for points (30.1 to 25.3), rebounds (6.2 to 5.3), assists (5.3 to 4.8) and steals (2.3 to 1.5), so we devised other "measurables."



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JORDAN VS. BRYANT

Number of retirements

Jordan 3, Bryant 1

Winner: Bryant. Less is more in this case.

Length of retirement

letter: Jordan 839 words, Bryant 292 words

Winner: Jordan. Although Bryant gets points for creativity, the cheese factor is a little much.

Career earnings (in 2015

dollars): Jordan \$720 million, Bryant \$762 million

Winner: Bryant, though he has an extremely high bar to reach if he's going to be a post-retirement billionaire like Jordan is.

Acting highlights: Jordan

starred in "Space Jam," Bryant had a guest spot on "Moesha" Winner: Jordan, and it's not even close.

Clutch-ness: Jordan 33.4

playoff points per game, Bryant 25.6

Winner: Jordan. Depending on whom you ask, Bryant has more game-winning shots than MJ. But does he have "The Shot"? "The Shot: Part II"? The Finals winner over Byron Scott? No, no and no. More important, overall Jordan has been more productive in the postseason.

Overall winner: Jordan. As if Bryant could ever best His Ainess in Chicago.



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Perfect Pussy.
Dec. 5 at Beat Kitchen

BETTER THAN NEVER

Don't miss these December concerts

By Andy Downing | FOR REDEYE

With 2015 drawing to a close, music critics are going to start assembling their year-end best-of lists. Expect to see the likes of Vince Staples (at Bottom Lounge on Dec. 15) and Chance the Rapper (at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center on Dec. 31) to feature prominently with "Summertime '06" and "Surf," respectively. They'll likely be joined on a smattering of lists by a number of performers also scheduled to visit Chicago in December, including Joanna Newsom, The Arcs and Brandi Carlile. Here are the month's best concerts.

THE ARCS

Dec. 2 and 3 at The Vic

The Arcs, fronted by Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys, were in Paris the same night as the terrorist attacks, performing at a venue not far from the Bataclan. These concerts mark some of the first shows the band has played since, so expect emotions to run high.

TWENTY ONE PILOTS

Dec. 3 at Aragon Ballroom

The Columbus duo topped the Billboard charts with its latest, "Blurryface," a genre-hopping rap/rock/ballad hybrid designed for listeners with Vine-like attention spans.

KID CUDI

Dec. 4 at Riviera Theatre

The rapper/singer might have been born in Cleveland, but his music tends to exist in more far-off realms. This is particularly true of last year's "Satellite Flight: The Journey to Mother Moon," a galactic effort awash in space-age synths.

BASTILLE

Dec. 4 at Aragon Ballroom

The English indie-pop quartet might've started as the solo project of Dan Smith, but most of the band's heart-on-sleeve songs sound inspired by the romantic feelings that exist between partners.

DOOMTREE

Dec. 4 at Concord Music Hall

The Minneapolis-based hip-hop collective, which includes rappers Dessa and P.O.S., among others, resurfaced earlier this year with its third album, the appropriately titled "All Hands."

STRAND OF OAKS

Dec. 4 at Metro

On "Heal," Philadelphia singer-songwriter Timothy Showalter transforms heavy subjects—songs

deal with everything from marital infidelity to self-loathing—into a series of lighter-waving, pop-rock anthems.

PERFECT PUSSY

Dec. 5 at Beat Kitchen
(moved from Thalia Hall)

In spite of their name, these New York-based punks aren't concerned with polishing songs to a military shine. Rather, the band's music is raw, ferocious and unnerving, designed to both unsettle and inspire.

AWOLNATION

Dec. 5 at Aragon Ballroom

The electro-rock crew embraced arena bombast on its sophomore album, "Run," delving into beat-driven rock tunes that could score a half-pipe event at the X Games.

GRAVEYARD*Dec. 5 at Lincoln Hall*

The Swedish hard rockers conjured images of everyone from Black Sabbath to Judas Priest on this year's "Innocence and Decadence," which largely forgoes the former in favor of the latter.

ELLE KING*Dec. 5 at Chicago Theatre*

Elle King might be the daughter of "Saturday Night Live" funnyman Rob Schneider, but she takes a more serious approach on her soul-stoked material, including the shattered breakup tune "Ex's and Oh's."

SILVERSUN PICKUPS*Dec. 6 at Aragon Ballroom*

"Better Nature," the fourth album from alt-rockers Silversun Pickups, mirrors the widescreen ambition so often associated with their LA home.

ANDREW BIRD*Dec. 7-10 at Fourth Presbyterian Church*

The local song Bird's annual winter residency has become a December tradition, on par with neighborhood arguments over shoveled and "saved" street parking spaces.

THE 1975*Dec. 8 at Riviera Theatre*

The British rockers are at their debauched best on driving, slinky guitar tunes like "Chocolate" and "Sex."

RHETT MILLER*Dec. 10 at City Winery*

While Miller has learned to scuff things up with long-running alt-country crew Old 97's, his solo material tends to be more polished, harkening back to the 1970s AM-pop era.

MEAT WAVE*Dec. 12 at Empty Bottle*

The punk trio specializes in music as abrasive and unsettling as its stomach turner of a name, and its latest, "Delusion Moon," hits with hammer force.

DEERHUNTER*Dec. 13 at Thalia Hall*

"Fading Frontier," the warm, loosely psychedelic seventh album from Atlanta indie rock stalwarts Deerhunter, is among the prettiest, most accessible efforts the band has released.

GOATSLAKE*Dec. 15 at Thalia Hall*

Doom trio Goatsnake, which includes members Greg Anderson (Sunn O))) Pete Stahl (Scream) and Greg Rogers

**Deerhunter,
Dec. 13 at Thalia Hall****The 1975,
Dec. 8 at Riviera Theatre**

(The Obsessed), recently re-emerged with "Black Age Blues," its first album in a decade.

VINCE STAPLES*Dec. 15 at Bottom Lounge*

On "Summertime '06," Vince Staples' sprawling, immersive Def Jam debut, the California rapper comes fully into his own, breezing through vicious, street-savvy tunes that unfold like a vintage Spike Lee joint.

5 SECONDS OF SUMMER*Dec. 16 at Allstate Arena*

The ebullient, guitar-stoked boy band bounds through its latest, "Sounds Good Feels Good," an album that comes on like an introductory course

for burgeoning pop-punk fans.

JOANNA NEWSOM*Dec. 16 at Chicago Theatre*

On "Divers," Newsom drifts from her renaissance fair image, turning out sumptuous, folk-pop tunes that balance her usual complexity with more personal, relatable touches.

YELLOW CLAW*Dec. 19 at Concord Music Hall*

The Amsterdam DJ trio melds hip-hop, trap, EDM, dubstep and more in its high-energy, big-beat-driven live shows.

TAYLOR BENNETT*Dec. 26 at Lincoln Hall*

Taylor Bennett doesn't have the

profile of big bro Chance the Rapper. At least not yet, anyway. The youngster headlines here on the heels of "Broad Shoulders," his first public collaboration with his famous older sibling.

RICHARD THOMPSON*Dec. 29-31 at Space*

Thompson remains an unparalleled songwriter and guitarist, capable of breaking hearts with an acoustic folk tune or straining eardrums with a Celtic-spiked rocker.

BRANDI CARLILE*Dec. 30 at Thalia Hall*

The Seattle-based singer-songwriter arrives here in support of her sixth album, "The Firewatcher's Daughter," a rich, roots-pop effort that highlights her warm, emotive pipes.

DIARRHEA PLANET*Dec. 30 and 31 at Lincoln Hall*

The rowdy Nashville rock collective is doing its part to reduce unemployment among Music City guitarists, incorporating four shredders in its six-person lineup.

NICK WATERHOUSE*Dec. 30-Jan. 1 at Schubas*

Help ring in 1957... er, 2016 with retro rock 'n' soul belter Nick Waterhouse.

TINK*Dec. 31 at the Shrine*

It's fitting that the fast-rising Chicago rapper/singer has released a trio of "Winter's Diary" mixtapes, considering her verses tend to be as confessional and soul-baring as anything scrawled in a private journal.

SHARON JONES & THE DAP-KINGS*Dec. 31 at House of Blues*

Jones, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2013, announced in September that the cancer had returned. Thankfully, the soul belter has continued to attack the disease with the same spirit and optimism she brings to her music.

SKRILLEX, CHANCE THE RAPPER & MORE*Dec. 31 at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center*

EDM kingpin Skrillex should deliver in a booming headlining turn, but ringing in the new year with Chicago's own Chance is a sure thing.

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Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

If you're pining for someone you know you can't be with, from Friday until Dec. 30, you'll have a chance to free yourself of whatever insecurities led you to fall for someone unattainable. It'll be a good time to talk to a counselor and get a new perspective.



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you're looking to improve things with your sweetheart, consider ways to spice up your social life together. If single, consider accepting a pal's offer to set you up on a blind date, or join a new group or club.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

After Friday, your partner's status might become something you're extra proud of. The attention and validation your love receives will make your heart soar. Or, you might be the one receiving accolades. If so, expect complete adoration from your mate.



Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Until Dec. 30, you and your mate will want to expand your horizons together spiritually, intellectually and culturally. Consider taking a trip to a part of the world you've both wanted to explore, or sign up to learn a new language or philosophy together.



Aries March 21-April 19

If you're married or in a committed relationship, this week the emphasis on your relationship may turn toward joint finances. You two may decide to make a major investment together. Keep power plays out of your relationship on Sunday.



Taurus April 20-May 20

From Friday through Dec. 30, you'll feel your love intensify in the most profound way as long as you're open to sharing yourself completely. If you're dating someone, this is a time you might make a firmer commitment.



Gemini May 21-June 20

On Tuesday, you and your partner will enjoy extraordinary communication potential. If you have a brilliant idea to share, do so. If you're single, after Friday an office romance might begin to develop.



Cancer June 21-July 22

If single, from Friday until Dec. 30, you'll have dazzling support to meet someone with the power to sweep you off your feet. Be sure to socialize more and consider all of your dating options. The one who intrigues you most will likely win.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

A stimulating conversation might lead to romance this week. You'll instantly fall for this person's mind. If you're dating someone, you might decide to introduce each other to your families. Wait until after Friday for the most harmonious outcome.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

If you're single, after Friday you might meet someone special right in your own backyard! A sexy new neighbor might move in. Introduce yourself. Or, if one of your siblings offers to set you up with someone, accept—you have nothing to lose.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct 22

You'll be on energetic overload this Sunday. While it might be fantastic for your sex life, you may also easily misdirect your anger about a situation. Don't take it out on your partner; that wouldn't be fair.



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

From Friday until Dec. 30, you'll have a fantastic edge in matters of the heart. It's likely that more than one person will show interest in you. If you're in a relationship, you can expect your partner to be extra appreciative of the love you share. Any investment you make in yourself now will pay off.

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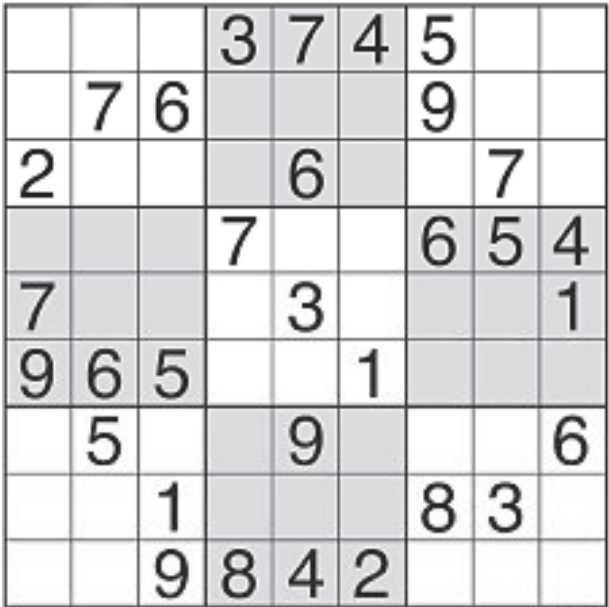
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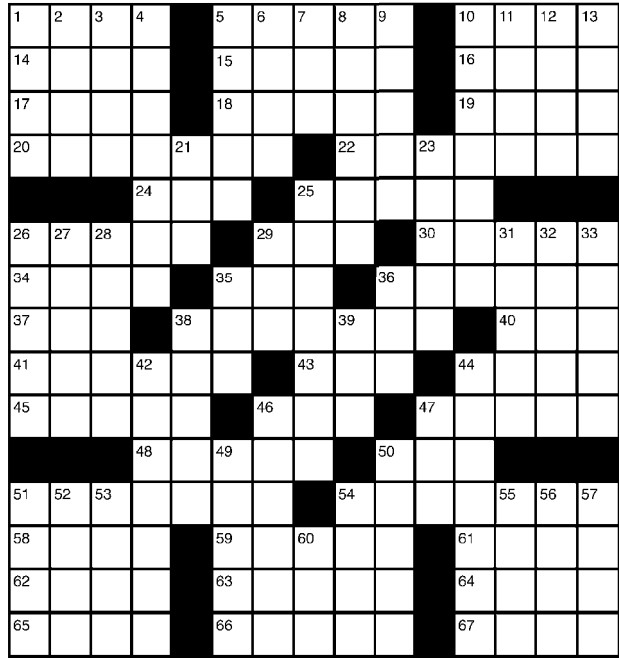


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30 Piers
34 Hart's mate
35 Little child
36 Like lesser sins
37 Have lunch
38 Brought back to life
40 Student's avg.
41 Red blood cell deficiency
43 "Along, Little Dogies"
44 GPS screen images
45 Challenged
46 Take to court
47 Actress
48 Michelle Gellar
49 Wild brawl
50 Big __
51 rival of the Whopper
51 Napoleon's title
54 Soft drink
58 Actor Scott __
59 Forest home
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62 Helpful clue
63 Take __; undo
64 Hilarious person
65 " __ bigger and better things!"
66 Fido's restraint
67 Goofs up

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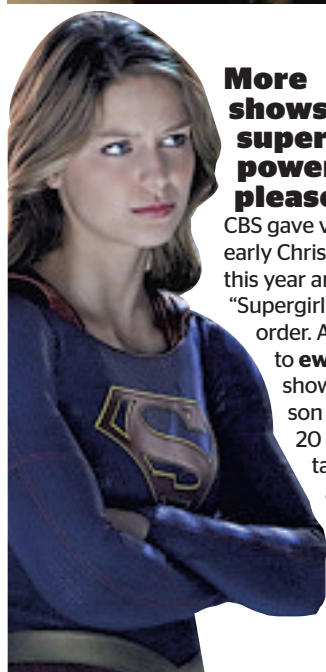
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—Chris Hemsworth, about his time in Hollywood between his promising start in “Star Trek” and being cast in “The Cabin in the Woods,” according to [vanityfair.com](#). Hemsworth went on to score the role of Thor, and we are all very thankful for that.



More shows with superhuman powers, please!

CBS gave viewers an early Christmas gift this year and gave “Supergirl” a full season order. According to [ew.com](#), the show’s first season will now have 20 episodes total. “Supergirl” averages 11.24 million viewers, EW reported, citing CBS.

The Mockingjay prevails

“The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 2” beat out “Creed” and “The Good Dinosaur” at the box office during the five-day holiday weekend, according to [avclub.com](#). “Mockingjay” pulled in \$75.7 million, reaching \$440 million worldwide, A.V. Club reported. “The Good Dinosaur” came in at \$55.5 million, and “Creed” made \$42.6 million. Not too shabby.



Michelle Tanner got married, sorta

Mary-Kate Olsen married French banker Olivier Sarkozy over the weekend, according to [eonline.com](#). Also, apparently Bob Saget was not invited. Saget said during NBC’s “Today” show on Monday, “I was not invited, but I’m very happy and I sent a mazel tov text.” Olsen and Sarkozy started dating in 2012.



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3.38M That’s the total number of copies of Adele’s “25” that were sold during the album’s first week, according to [billboard.com](#). That number breaks the record held by ‘N Sync’s “No Strings Attached” since 2000. “25” is also the only album to sell more than 3 million copies in a week. Damn, girl. Damn.

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